

consent agreement and had not had an opportunity to review it.

While I appreciate that we are short of time in this Congress and that, consequently, the Republican leadership would like to limit the number of amendments the Democrats may offer, I must point out that the Hatch-Sessions substitute alone contains substantial changes to over 160 separate paragraphs of this reported bill.

While I do not believe that Democrats will have close to 160 additional amendments to the bill, I believe that we will want to offer more than five.

We are continuing to pare down the amendments that Democrats plan to offer to S.10 to address the substantial criticisms leveled at this bill. We are continuing to negotiate in good faith on a unanimous consent agreement to ensure that Senate consideration of this legislation is fair, full and productive. The attempted ambush at the outset of this process, however, suggests that the Republican leadership is more interested in placing blame for its inaction than in actually moving to consideration of the bill.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE CELEBRATES 150 YEARS

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Boston University School of Medicine on its 150 anniversary. The School of Medicine has a long and distinguished history, and I am proud to join in paying tribute to its remarkable leadership for the city of Boston and the nation.

Boston University School of Medicine was founded in 1848 as the New England Female Medical College, and was the first institution in the world to offer medical education to women. In 1864, the school graduated its first African-American female physician, Rebecca Lee. In 1873, Boston University merged with the New England Female Medical College to establish a co-educational School of Medicine.

In addition to being the first medical school to graduate women, Boston University School of Medicine was also the first school to establish Home Medical Services, an educational and patient care service that continues today. The School of Medicine has constantly introduced innovations in medical education and played a central role in developing the Boston University School of Public Health.

Down through the years, Boston University School of Medicine has provided outstanding service to our community. It is renowned for its clinical care and its professional training in a vast network of affiliated hospitals including Boston Medical Center, community health centers, and physicians' offices. In 1995, this commitment to service earned the school the Association of American Medical College's Outstanding Community Service Award.

Mr. President, I congratulate Boston University School of Medicine on its

150 years of excellence, and I know that its outstanding tradition, professional commitment, and community service will continue in the years ahead.

CORRECTIONS TO THE LIST OF OBJECTIONABLE PROVISIONS IN THE FISCAL YEAR 1999 INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS BILL

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, yesterday I submitted a list of objectionable provisions in the FY'99 Interior Appropriations bill for the RECORD. I wish to make two clarifications to that list which came to my attention.

First, I learned that the Navajo Indian Irrigation Project was not requested for a funding level of more than \$97 million. Instead, the allocated amount for the NIIP project was equal to the requested level of \$25.5 million, but this information was not clear in the committee bill. I removed this item from my list of objectionable provisions.

Second, two separate listings for the removal of the Elwha dam removal project were requested for funding, based on its authorization in P.L. 102-495. These items should not have been listed as objectionable according to my established "pork criteria." These two items are removed from the list: (1) \$29,500,000 for the purchase of the Elwha Project and Glines Canyon Project; and, (2) \$2,000,000 for planning and design, removal of Elwha Dam in Olympic National Park, WA.

I wish to thank the individuals who brought these matters to my attention and for providing the necessary information to clarify this mistake.

Mr. President, I wish to state that the revised total amount of \$222.4 million included in this bill still represents an inordinately high level of wasteful spending. I sincerely hope that we will do better by the American people with stricter fiscal spending that abides by the appropriate legislative process.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. McCathran, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 6:24 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1379. An act to amend section 552, United States Code, and the National Security Act of 1947 to require disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act regarding certain persons, disclosure Nazi war criminal records without impairing any investigation or prosecution conducted by the Department of Justice or certain intelligence, and for other purposes.

H.R. 629. An act to grant the consent of the Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact.

H.R. 4059. An act making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2183. An act to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of campaigns for elections for Federal office, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3682. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid law requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-6671. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Department of Agriculture Working Capital Fund Act"; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6672. A communication from the Secretary of the Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation regarding the restructuring of the District Court of the Virgin Islands as an Article III court; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6673. A communication from the Acting Clerk of the United States Court of Federal Claims, transmitting, pursuant to law, a Review Panel report regarding a settlement in the case of Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin v. The United States (Docket 93-649X); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6674. A communication from the Acting Clerk of the United States Court of Federal Claims, transmitting, pursuant to law, a Review Panel report regarding the case of Inslaw, Inc. v. The United States (Docket 95-338X); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6675. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Threat Protection for Former Presidents Act"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6676. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Significant New Use Rules for Certain Substances" (FRL6019-2) received on August 28, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6677. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection